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STILL FIGHTING

Japanese are After the Russians.

BOMBARDING CONTINUES

Japanese Wing Drives in the Russian Outposts and Occupy Shatzemun.

RUSSIANS SHOOTING BLINDLY

Curtain of Rigid Censorship Proclaimed at St. Petersburg Which is Considered as Indicative of Russia's Certain Defeat.

Okul's Headquarters, March 1.—The Japanese wing are driving back the Russian outposts all along the line. The Japanese occupied Shatzemun, two miles west of the Hun river and are marching northwesterly to Kallita on the east bank of the Lio river. Heavy bombardments have continued along the line of the railroad all day. The Russians are firing blindly owing to the dense smoke, with field guns and heavy artillery. The Japanese are making no serious response to the Russian fire.

The curtain of rigid censorship has settled down over the events at Manchuria. No news of the results of yesterday's fighting is allowed to be given out. There is nothing given out to show whether Kuropatkin is withdrawing or is determined to stand the ground. This is considered significant as a confirmation of the Russian defeat yesterday, and it is claimed that no news has been received from the Russian left flank, although it is certain that a full report has been sent to the emperor, which he is afraid to give out on account of inciting strikers and encouraging others to join the movement. The last dispatches state that the Russians are clinging desperately to Ouheneputa, against strong forces of Kuroki's veterans. Although not admitted at the war office, the general impression prevails in military circles that Kuropatkin has been forced to withdraw. Not only is Kuroki threatening to block communications, but has shut off the redoubts of Putloff and Novgorod hills. The keys to Russia's position in the center appears to be crumbling away under the impact of terrible shells such as levelled the fortifications at Port Arthur and rendering fortress untenable. No troops will be able to retain the position long if bombardment continues. It develops that the Russians are unable to hold permanently the southern and railroad bridge across the Shakh river.

RECIVER FOR STANDARD.

Attorney General of Kansas Files a Petition for Receiver.

Topeka, March 1.—Attorney General Coleman filed a suit today in the Kansas supreme court asking that a receiver be appointed for the Prairie Oil and Gas Company, because it has failed to comply with the laws of the state of Kansas. The Prairie concern is the Standard Oil Company under another name. All railroad companies in the state, with the exception of the Santa Fe, are made parties to the suit. In addition an action has been brought against the transcontinental freight bureau of the western trunk line company, and southwestern traffic company. It is alleged that the concerns entered into an agreement with the Standard Oil Company, to make discriminative rates on oil.

SIGHTED A DIRELICT.

British Ship Pythomene Claims to Have Seen Schooner.

Portland, March 1.—The British ship Pythomene, Captain Spiny, which arrived today from Antwerp, reports that on last Saturday before daylight

while off the Columbia, she sighted a direlct. It appeared to be 150 feet long. Captain Spiny states that her back was apparently broken. No lights or any signs of life appeared aboard the craft.

This is probably the section of the jetty which washed away and was bound together by the railroad iron.)

Train Robber.

Vancouver, March 1.—The Province this evening says that Bill Miner, who is wanted for train robbery at Corbett, Ore., in 1903, and at Mission, B. C., last September, is now sick with smallpox near Bellingham and is under the surveillance of two Pinkerton detectives. As soon as he is able to leave the hospital he will be arrested and formally charged with the robberies.

Steamer Libeled.

San Francisco, March 1.—A libel has been instituted in the United States court by the crew of the steamer North Fork for salvage against the steamer Lakme. The Lakme was picked up outside of the Humboldt bar January 2 and towed to San Francisco by the North Fork.

Immigration Increasing.

New York, March 1.—Immigration statistics show more than 130 per cent increase of newcomers during the month of February over the corresponding period of last year. The arrivals of the month were 53,460 as against 23,410 in February, 1904.

Japanese Transport Lost.

Victoria, March 1.—News received from Japan via Empress India that the Japanese transport Mushashio Maru was wrecked in the Mito group. The troops were saved by a warship. The vessel and cargo, including 160 horses, were lost.

River and Harbor.

Washington, March 1.—The river and harbor bill carrying an appropriation of \$38,000,000, and which has passed the house, passed the senate today.

STEAMSHIP OREGON

Arrived at Eureka Yesterday and Rests in Mud.

FIRE IS NOT UNDER CONTROL

The Steamer Rests on Soft Mud and the Damage to the Hull Will Be Light—Believed That Fire Will Be Under Control.

Eureka, March 1.—Up to dark today all efforts to quench the flames on the steamer Oregon, which arrived here and was beached here have been unavailing. It has been discovered that her pumps have not sufficient capacity to float her and the assistance of the tug will be called to pump water between the decks where the water now being pumped does not reach. It is believed that the fire will be under control by tomorrow night. The steamer is resting on soft mud and sand and the damage to her hull will be slight if any. Rear Admiral Kempf and Inspector of Hulls and Boilers Guthrie and Dolan arrived here today and will make an examination of the mishap.

Battle of Flowers.

New York, March 1.—At Village, the annual battle of flowers has just taken place, cables the Nice correspondent of the Herald. Enormous crowds from Monte Carlo and Nice witnessed the beautiful spectacle on the bay, which commenced at 2 o'clock and continued until 5 o'clock with great animation.

Strike in Paris.

New York, March 1.—The strike of the coach builders employees is, according to a Herald dispatch from Paris, assuming serious proportions. An increase in salary is demanded by the men, about 25,000 of whom are now out. Automobile makers are particularly affected.

MRS. STANFORD

Dies from Poisoning in Honolulu.

TAKES DRINK OF SODA

Medical Examination by Physicians Indicate Strychnine Was Given.

AN INQUEST WILL BE HELD

Evidence by Authorities Secured But They Refuse to Divulge the Nature of It—No Doubt But That She Was Poisoned.

Honolulu, March 1.—Mrs. Jane Lathrop Stanford of San Francisco, widow of the late United States senator, Leeland Stanford, died at 11:40 o'clock last night, 40 minutes after she was taken ill at the Moano hotel here, under suspicious circumstances, pointing, in the opinion of her physician, who attended her in her dying hour, to poison by the administration of strychnine in a vial of bicarbonate of soda.

Mrs. Stanford when found by the guests of the hotel, who heard her groaning in agony and suffering from convulsions, declared, "Been poisoned," and her last words were, "This is a horrible death to die." The physicians say that between convulsions Mrs. Stanford repeated the assertion that she had been poisoned and said it was the second time the attempt had been made, the first time being in San Francisco at her home, and it was this attempt which caused her to come to Honolulu.

An autopsy on the remains showed the cause of the death to be tetanus of respiratory organs, but how this was brought about will not be known until after an examination has been made of the contents of the stomach, the result of the examination will be probably known tomorrow.

No inquest will be held until High Sheriff Henry receives the report of the chemists. The house of representatives of the territorial legislature adopted resolutions of sympathy and adjourned out of respect to her memory. A bottle containing bicarbonate of soda, bearing the label of Charles Fells & Co., Adelaide, Australia, was found, but it is believed that it had been refilled since it was purchased there.

Miss Bertha Berner, Mrs. Stanford's secretary, says that previous to the attempt on her life made January 14 last at her home on Nob Hill, San Francisco, when strychnine was found in a bottle of Poland mineral water, Miss Berner said to a correspondent of the Associated Press: "We went to a picnic yesterday and was planning to go again today to Helewa, a suburban resort. Our luncheon yesterday consisted of ordinary cold dishes prepared at the Moano hotel and there was nothing in it of the canned variety. Mrs. Stanford ate very heartily. She expressed great enjoyment in the trip and said she felt well."

"We returned to the hotel at 4 o'clock, and Mrs. Stanford retired to her room to rest. Later she dressed for dinner. When soup was served she said that would be sufficient, as she was not hungry. We then went to the veranda where Mrs. Stanford planned the trip to Helewa for today. She then said she would retire early so as to be refreshed for the trip. At 8:30 Mrs. Stanford sent for her maid, May Hunt, whom she recently employed. She then said to me: 'I shall retire and take my medicine; please get it for me.' I got a teaspoonful of bicarbonate of soda and one purgative tablet and a bottle of Bartlett water. Mrs. Stanford forgot to take the medicine and laid down and slept. As soon as she awoke she took the medicine and again retired."

"Mrs. Stanford soon thereafter was seized with convulsions which threw her out of bed. The maid and myself

answered her call, as did also the guests from nearly every room. She said: 'I am poisoned.' The convulsions continued in spite of the efforts of Dr. Humphries, the physician. The bottle of bicarbonate of soda was purchased by me at Adelaide some years ago, but had been refilled for Mrs. Stanford at San Francisco.

Dr. Humphries made the following statement:

"When I was called in I found Mrs. Stanford in convulsions and applied the quickest medicine, but it was not possible to save her life." Mrs. Stanford said to me: 'Doctor, I have been poisoned.' Mrs. Stanford's condition seemed to indicate strychnine poisoning. Between her convulsions her mind was unusually active and she said: 'This is the second time they have tried it. They tried it last January and I came here to avoid them.' I tasted the contents of the bottle,' continued Dr. Humphries. 'Before making an analysis I am unable to swear whether it contained strychnine, but am perfectly positive that it does.'

Honolulu, March 1.—It is reported tonight that the territorial food commissioner and chemical analysts found strychnine in the bottle of bicarbonate of soda.

San Francisco, March 1.—The news of the death of Mrs. Stanford was received here today with surprise and sorrow and with horror when it was learned that she had probably been poisoned.

The Stanford university, which was founded by Mrs. Stanford's husband and endowed with \$38,000,000, closed today and will not open again until Mrs. Stanford's body is brought here and placed in the mausoleum near the campus, beside her husband and son. It is expected that the college will receive \$10,000,000 from Mrs. Stanford's personal estate. Mrs. Stanford has always taken a keen interest in the affairs of the college and it is due to her business sagacity of its success. Out of respect to her memory, flags throughout the state and city are at half-mast and the state legislature adjourned.

GOVERNOR CONTEST

Proposition to Seat Lieutenant Governor.

REPUBLICANS FAVOR ADAMS

A Majority of the Republicans of the Colorado Legislature Sign a Report Favoring Seating of Gov. Adams Instead of Peabody.

Denver, March 1.—After a long executive session on the gubernatorial contest the committee this afternoon adopted the signatures of 13 out of 18 republicans to sign a report favoring continuing Governor Adams in office. Other five republicans, including the chairman, Mr. Griffith, refused to sign either report. Senator Alexander, one of the republicans who refused to sign the Peabody report, made a hard fight during the afternoon for the rejection of the claims of both contestants and seating the lieutenant governor, Mr. McDonald. The proposition found no supporters of this plan among the committee, but he may bring it up before the joint assembly as a compromise measure. The argument is that there is no doubt of the election of McDonald, while some doubt exists as to whether Adams or Peabody were lawfully elected. Tomorrow the house and senate meet in joint session to receive the reports of the committee. Time was allotted for argument, and it is believed a vote will be reached Saturday.

Forest Reserve Open.

Missoula, Mont., March 1.—Lake Como forest reserve becomes subject to homestead entry this morning at 10 o'clock. Between 15,000 and 20,000 acres of good land will be thrown open for settlement. The land is the famous Bitter Root valley and was set aside by President Cleveland as a temporary reserve.

The city is thronged with people ready to file claims as soon as the doors of the land office open this morning.

BILL IS PASSED

Railroad Commission Bill a Law.

ONLY FOUR AGAINST IT

Washington Senate Passes Railroad Commission Bill Without Amendment.

GOES TO THE GOVERNOR

Opponents of the Bill Stampede to It, Resulting in Its Passage by Vote of 36 to 4, It Having Passed the House Last Week.

Olympia, March 1.—All but four of the opponents of the railway commission measure stampeded to the bill today. Shortly before 1 o'clock, an agreement to support the bill as it came from the house practically amended was circulated among friends of the bill and was signed by 24 senators, or two more than necessary to pass the bill.

Upon reconvening of the senate this afternoon the opponents of the bill proposed that it be advanced to the head of the calendar in order to clear the way for other legislation which was being held up on account of the bill. A vote was taken on the passage of the measure and it carried by a vote of: Ayes, 36; nays, 4; absent, 2.

The house today passed the senate bills appropriating over \$1,000,000.

They included maintenance appropriations for penal, charitable and reformatory institutions, and a number of judgments and deficiencies accruing for the last fiscal period. The house also passed senate bill creating the county of Benton from a portion of Klickitat and Yakima counties.

SHOOTING IN PORTLAND.

S. J. Donohue Shoots Alexander Orth, Then Kills Himself.

Portland, March 1.—In a fit of violent temper because he was discharged by Alexander Orth, one of the proprietors of the Grand Laundry, at Seventeenth and Quimby streets, S. J. Donohue, aged 35 years, shot and wounded Orth in the arm, attempted to murder J. C. Hesselbrock, foreman of the laundry, ran a block and a half, and in the woodshed of Louis Smock blew out his own brains by sending a 38-caliber bullet through the top of his head. The tragedy was enacted at 10:30 o'clock this morning.

Donohue, who had been a driver for the laundry for the past year, and who resided with his mother and sister at 330 Jackson street, was deliberate in his intended crime. Although he was a faithful employee, the proprietors say he was slow in making his collections and turning in the money. For that reason he was released from further duty this morning. When he showed up for work this morning, Mr. Orth and Mr. Hesselbrock told him that as business was dull at present he would be laid off for a while. They said later they were willing to put another man on in his place. At that time he declared:

"I will get even with you for this." He left the laundry, but where he went is not known, presumably to get a revolver. About 9:30 o'clock he returned to the laundry. At this moment Orth was leaving by the front door. Without warning, Donohue opened fire, discharging four shots from his revolver, one failing to go off. Orth was shot in the arm as a result.

He then deliberately stood still and reloaded his revolver. At this moment Hesselbrock appeared at the door to ascertain the cause of the trouble. "You're next!" shouted the madman. Hesselbrock sought protection by rushing to the back of the building. A crowd was gathering, Donohue, thinking that he had killed his first victim, rushed down the street, and passing

around the corner into Raleigh street, hid in the woodshed of Mr. Smock's home. The crowd that was following him soon heard the report of a revolver. When Detective Vaughn and Policeman Wendorf arrived from police headquarters, a few minutes later, the man was dead.

AFTER THE LYNCHERS.

Efforts to Be Made to Arrest Mob That Lynched Wood.

Keno, March 1.—A dispatch from Hazen, where the footpad was lynched yesterday says the town is quieter than for several weeks. Although it is expected that the officials of Churchill county, in which Hazen is situated, will not make any inquiry, it is thought that Governor Sparks will do all within his power to hunt out and convict the members of the mob.

The people of Hazen are silent as to the identity of the lynchers, but it is quite certain that an investigation will result in speedy arrests.

Referendum in Linn.

Albany, March 1.—That Linn county will join heartily in the movement already started in other parts of the state to invoke the referendum and secure a popular vote on the general appropriations bill passed by the recent session of the legislature there is no doubt, if expressions of opinion from men from all parts of the county may be taken as an index of public opinion. In fact, a movement was started here several days ago toward getting a referendum vote on this bill, and now that it is seen the matter is being taken up in other parts of the state it has become active. Petitions will be prepared and circulated in this county in the next few days.

Train Held Up.

Memphis, March 1.—An east-bound passenger train on the St. Louis & San Francisco railroad, known as the "Arkansas Traveler," was stopped by three bandits eight miles south of Mammoth Springs, Ark., today and the express car robbed. The safe was blown up, and all of its contents were secured.

LOST HIS TONGUE

But Can Talk as Well as Any Woman

VERY UNUSUAL OPERATION

Man Was an Invertebrate Smoker and Tongue Became Irritated Necessitating a Surgical Operation in Cutting Part Off.

New York, March 1.—B. S. Finch, an official of a Brooklyn coal company, has submitted to an operation for the removal of his tongue.

About two-thirds was cut away, yet with the remaining portion of the organ and the muscles of his throat, he will be able, after a little practice to speak intelligibly. The operation is the second of that nature performed here within a few months.

Finch had been a heavy smoker for years and complained six months ago of an irritation near the base of his tongue. A cancerous growth appeared and spread so rapidly that when the operation was found necessary the tongue had become affected from the tip to base. The glands of the mouth were also congested, and it became necessary to remove them.

The tongue was first pressed to one side in order that the surgeons could get at the lingual arteries severing and tying them, and thus checking the flow of blood. The loss of blood was about 3 ounces and the operation lasted 52 minutes.

Robber Killed.

Chicago, March 1.—Firing through his overcoat pocket at two men who attempted to rob him early today, Assistant County Attorney Louis B. Anderson shot and fatally wounded one of them. A short time later Frank H. Starnard, a negro, entered a drug store and asked to be given treatment for a wound in his breast. He was taken to a hospital, where Anderson later identified him as one of his assailants. The other escaped.